

MINUTES

NORTH CAROLINA AUCTIONEER LICENSING BOARD

September 14, 2020

The North Carolina Auctioneer Licensing Board met on Monday, September 14, 2020 by video conference due to Executive Orders limiting mass gatherings, which were issued to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Members participating were Chairman Lisa D. York, Vice Chairman Buck Lattimore, Dan DeVane, Willie A. Johnson, and Allison H. Pant. Also participating were Executive Director Charles F. Diehl, and Administrative Officer Becky Stewart. Special Deputy Attorney General Anne Brown was unable to participate due to a scheduling conflict.

Chairman York inquired of each member if there were any known conflicts of interest or any appearance of conflicts with respect to any matters coming before the Board during this meeting. Member DeVane recused himself from consideration of the Probable Cause recommendations due to his participation in the Probable Cause Subcommittee meeting. Other members stated there were none.

Minutes of the meeting held on August 10, 2020 were reviewed. **Vice Chairman Lattimore made a motion to approve the minutes. Member Johnson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

Then, Director Diehl reported on the staff investigations and ad violations for the month of August. There are two (2) formal complaint cases to be considered today during the Probable Cause Report, one (1) case currently under investigation, and two (2) cases that have the potential to go to hearing.

Next, Director Diehl reported on NC Session Law 2020-7 (House Bill 1105).

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Pursuant to a previous law passed to alleviate challenges that licensees might be facing by COVID-19, the Board delayed the license renewal deadline date from June 30, 2020 to September 30, 2020 and waived the continuing education requirement for the license renewal year 2020-21. NC Session Law 2020-7 extends the requirement that Boards, Commissions, and State Agencies take into consideration any relief accommodations as necessary. Further, all Boards, Commissions, and State Agencies will have to report what relief actions were taken.

Next, the Board considered the Probable Cause Report. **Member Pant made a motion to approve the Probable Cause Report. Vice Chairman Lattimore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.** Prior to the motion or any discussion, Member DeVane had recused himself from consideration of the Probable Cause Report due to his participation in the Probable Cause Subcommittee meeting.

Then, Director Diehl presented the financial report. **Member DeVane made a motion to approve the financial report for the month of August. Vice Chairman Lattimore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

At this time, Director Diehl provided the results of the August 6, 2020 auctioneer examination, which were as follows: four (4) examinees with four (4) passing and zero (0) failing.

Next, Director Diehl presented to the Board for review and consideration a draft 2021-22 NCALB Continuing Education Request for Proposal. Following a review, **Member Pant moved to approve the draft 2021-20 NCALB CE Request for Proposal. Member Johnson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

At this time, Director Diehl reported on the Recovery Fund Claims in the matter of Gregory E. Vernelson, NCAL #8230/Franklin Auction Company, Inc., NCFL #10192. Of the 19 claims verified and authorized for payment by the Board at the August meeting, all but three (3) claims have been paid. The office is awaiting the Subrogation of Rights and Waiver of Claims for these

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three (3) claims. Also, Director Diehl reported that a claim, which was filed timely but had not been verified by the local police for consideration of payment at the August meeting, has now been verified with a loss of \$468.75. He requested that the Board consider payment for the claimant in the amount of \$468.75. **Member Pant made a motion to authorize payment of the submitted claim per 85B-4.5. Vice Chairman Lattimore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

The Board confirmed the next regular meeting on Monday, October 12, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. **Member Pant made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member DeVane seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky J. Stewart
Administrative Officer